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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 2,776,996 issued January 8, 1957 was previously filed on September 19, 2003.
- 2. Great Britain Patent Application No. 1,166,961, published October 15, 1969 was previously filed on September 19, 2003.
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